



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 12, 2006

Michael Idrogo

San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear Mr. Idrogo:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter on July 6, 2006, inquiring about a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

The Federal Election Commission has jurisdiction over the Act and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, United States Code. After careful review of your correspondence, we have determined that your letter does not state any acts that appear to constitute a violation under our jurisdiction

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retha Dixon".

Retha Dixon
Docket Manager

DEAR MS. DIXON AND
CHAIRMAN, F.E.C.
EXHIBITS OF "ACTS" ARE
ATTACHED.

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Rules for Independent Expenditures, Coordinated Expenditures, and Communication Costs

In addition to direct contributions to federal candidates, many party committees spent money on their own to influence elections. Federal rules govern these expenditures, and they must be reported to the Federal Election Commission. There are two kinds:

Independent expenditures are ads that expressly advocate the election or defeat of specific candidates. There are no dollar limits on independent expenditures, but in order to be independent, they must be made without any coordination with the candidate. Party expenditures that are coordinated with candidates are **coordinated party expenditures** (see below).

Internal Communication Costs are internal political messages generally aimed only at the members of a union or organization, or company executives. These may be coordinated with the candidates and can be paid for directly from the organization's treasury.

Coordinated Party Expenditures are limited expenditures by party committees on behalf of federal candidates in the general election. The limits on coordinated party expenditures are as follows:

Senate and at-large house candidates: \$20,000 or 2 cents multiplied by the state's voting age population, whichever is higher

Representative or Delegate: \$10,000

Presidential candidates: 2 cents multiplied by the U.S. voting age population

Subject to increases based on increases in the Consumer Price Index

Note: The FEC has issued new rules that narrowly define when an expenditure will be considered "coordinated" with a candidate. For further information, check out the synopsis

Bailiff resigns amid probe

Web Posted: 12/17/2005 12:00 AM CST
Guillermo Contreras
Express-News Staff Writer

A bailiff at the Bexar County courthouse has resigned amid an investigation regarding alleged unauthorized Southwest Airlines tickets sold or given to judges, prosecutors, clerks and others, according to officials.

James Jackson, 40, handed in his resignation Wednesday, days after the Secret Service searched his family's San Antonio home in connection with an investigation into the unauthorized tickets, Bexar County Chief Deputy Rolando Tafolla said. The department had placed Jackson on paid leave Dec. 9, when it was informed of the investigation, Tafolla said.

Among those who reportedly bought or received tickets were District Attorney Susan Reed, First Assistant District Attorney Cliff Herberg and County Court At Law No. 7 Judge Monica Guerrero. James Jackson was Guerrero's bailiff.

OVER 5000 TICKETS
VALUED AT OVER
\$2 MILLION

APPARENTLY GONZALEZ
APPEARS TO ALSO HAVE
USED STOLEN TICKET(S).

FACT: FINANCIAL GAIN(S)
FOR GONZALEZ'S BENEFIT;
FOLLOW-ON WITH FRAUD CASE
AGAINST IDROGO, WEBSITES,
AND WOAI/CLEAR CHANNEL
SET-UP NEWSCAST ARE
SELF-EVIDENT TO ADVOCATE
ELECTION OR DEFEAT AND
ARE CLEARLY WELL COORDINATED;
AS WAS EVERYTHING ELSE PRESENTED
HERE IN EXHIBITS - THEY JUST
EXPECT TO "NOT GET CAUGHT!"

TO THE BEST OF
MY BELIEF,
Michael J. [Signature]

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SUSAN D. REED
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

REED /
HARBERGER
& GONZALEZ
DECIDING
"WHO GOES
WHERE"

USED STOLEN SOUTHWEST
AIRLINES TICKETS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

District Attorney Names New First Assistant

San Antonio, Texas; September 29, 2005: District Attorney Susan D. Reed is pleased to announce her appointment of Cliff Herberg to the position of Bexar County's First Assistant Criminal District Attorney. Mr. Herberg will replace Michael Bernard who is assuming the position of San Antonio's City Attorney.

MAY ALSO HAVE USED ALONG WITH HARBERGER
& GONZALEZ FOR GONZALEZ'S BENEFIT

Mr. Herberg has served as Chief of the Bexar County District Attorney's White Collar Crime Division for the last 6 years. He, as well as Mr. Bernard, were appointed to their respective positions by District Attorney Reed when she first assumed office in 1999.

Prior to Cliff Herberg's appointment as White Collar Crime Division Chief, he was in private practice. He has been licensed to practice law since 1990. He served as an Assistant District Attorney during the Steve Hilbig Administration. In 1990, he was appointed to a one-year term as Briefing Attorney for Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzales. He was also an associate in the Dallas law firm of Johnson & Gibbs, handling complex commercial litigation.

"Mr. Herberg has led many investigations and high profile prosecutions since he has worked for me, including the ACCD and City Hall scandals. He is a bright lawyer and committed to the community and victims. I have the utmost faith that he is well qualified to assume the number two position in this office and will do an excellent job" said Susan Reed.

FINANCIAL
GAL.

OVER 5000 SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
TICKETS STOLEN VALUED AT OVER
\$2 MILLION; BENEFIT GONZALEZ;
COVER-UP; NOT REPORTED TO F.B.I.
APPARENTLY GONZALEZ APPEARS
TO ALSO HAVE USED STOLEN
TICKET(S).

TRUE & CORRECT TO THE
BEST OF MY BELIEF,
Michael Herberg

Truth Test: New Mayoral Campaign Ads

Mayoral candidates Julian Castro and Phil Hardberger have each released new television ads that are currently airing on WOAI-TV. Trouble Shooter Jeff Coyle ran each ad through the News 4 "Truth Test".

Castro's new ad begins with a line about North side development:

"Less than a year ago, this land was lush with vegetation. Until an out of town developer turned it into this."

Translation: somebody needs to pay closer attention to how things are built in this city.

The ad is referring to the Encino Ridge subdivision at 281 and Stone Oak Pkwy, where last year Pulte homes cut down thousands of trees because the project was exempt from the city's tree ordinance.

Castro doesn't mention in the ad that the site is in his opponent's district, councilman Carroll Schubert, but Schubert has been criticized for it during mayoral debates.

The truth is neither councilman had any power to stop the tree scalping. State law allows projects that were planned prior to city ordinances to be "grandfathered," or exempt, from the new rules.

Still, Castro says the fiasco is proof that the city needs to be more vigilant:

"We just need to be thorough, tough, and smart," says Castro in the ad

Phil Hardberger's new ad features the widow of late congressman Henry B. Gonzalez.

"Phil Hardberger was Henry's staunchest supporter through those times," Bertha Gonzalez says. "With everyone's help, we can bring the best qualified and experienced candidate to city hall."

Translation: Hardberger needs Hispanic voters and he has the support of a Mexican-American icon's family.

Hardberger was friends with Henry B. and served as a judge with his son, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez. The ad is also running in Spanish, along with another spot featuring Hardberger's bilingual wife.

But a recent WOAI/SurveyUSA poll shows Castro is dominating the Hispanic vote with 64%, compared to Hardberger's 19% and Schubert's 6%.

Schubert's camp tells the Trouble Shooters that they will release a new ad within the next week. And when they do, the Trouble Shooters will run it through the truth test.

CONZALEZ MOM

HARD BERGER/
GONZALEZ/
HERBERG
CONNECTION

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Cycle(s) selected: 2006, 2004, 2002

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Total for this search: \$1,000

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HARDBERGER, PHIL SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212	City of San Antonio/Mayor	6/30/2005	\$1,000	Gonzalez, Charlie A

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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN PLEDGES OR LOANS

SCHEDULE A

The instructions explain how to complete this form.

1 Total pages Schedule A
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2 FULL NAME

Mr Phil D Hardberger

4 Date

2/1/2005

5 Full name of contributor

Ronald Hornberger

6 Contributor address

215 Belvidere Dr
San Antonio, TX 78212

☐ Contributor is agent

7 Amount of contribution
250.00

8 In kind contribution
check or cash

9 Political committee, candidate, or office

10 Employer or business

1/24/2005

Norene Hutchinson

2118 W. Kings Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78201

☐ Contributor is agent

Amount of contribution
150.00

In kind contribution
check or cash

1/19/2005

Martha Hixon

114 Rio Bravo
San Antonio, TX 78232

☐ Contributor is agent

Amount of contribution
591.00

In kind contribution
invitations, postage
for political event

2/11/2005

Robert Shearer

114 Haverhill Way
San Antonio, TX 78209

☐ Contributor is agent

Amount of contribution
500.00

In kind contribution
check or cash

3/10/2005

Sheriffs Deputies of Bexar County PAC

19 Rustic Bend
San Antonio, TX 78230

☐ Contributor is agent

Amount of contribution
500.00

In kind contribution
check or cash

ATTACH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS FORM AS NEEDED

If contributor is out-of-state PAC please see instruction guide for additional reporting requirements

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Print name of filer

MONEY : SHERIFF TO HARD BERGER
SHERIFF LOPEZ USED TO BE DRIVER FOR CORRUPT HEPPY CISNEROS.
TRUE & CORRECT TO BEST OF MY BELIEF,
Michael Lopez